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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER COMMENTS ON SHABA INVASION

- 1. ZAMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SITEKE MWALE HAS ONCE AGAIN DENIED ANY ZAMBIAN COMPLICITY IN THE RECENT INVASION OF SHABA PROVINCE. MWALE SAID THAT HE WAS REITERATING THE DENIAL BECAUSE RUMORS WERE STILL CIRCULATING THAT ZAMBIAN HAD ALLOWED THE INSURGENTS TO ENTER ZAIRE FROM ITS TERRITORY. THE FOREIGN MINISTER CATEGORICALLY STATED, "ZAMBIA HAD NOTING TO DO WITH THE INVASION OF ZAIRE BY EX-KATANGESE REBELS."
- 2. MWALE WENT ON TO SAY THAT ZAMBIA WOULD NEVER PARTICIPATE IN ANY ACTION DESIGNED TO BRING ABOUT INSTABILITY IN FREE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. HE POINTED OUT THAT INSTABILITY IN ZAIRE WOULD ALSO AFFECT THE STABILITY OF ZAMBIA. HE REPEATED ZAMBIA'S OFFER TO HELP ZAIRE FIND A SOLUTION FOR THE SHABA PROBLEM.
- 3. COMMENT: MWALE'S REMARKS APPARENTLY ARE INTENDED AS A RESPONSE TO MOBUTU'S STATEMENT LAST WEEK WHICH CHARGED THAT ZAMBIA COULD HAVE DONE SOMETHING TO PREVENT THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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KATANGESE INCURSION HAD ZAMBIA DESIRED TO DO SO. CLINGERMAN

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